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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NAKASONE REITERATES STAND ON CONSUMER ORGANIZATION

REF: (A) STATE 085246; (B) TOKYO 5453

SUMMARY: MITI MINISTER NAKASONE IN ONE DAY VISIT TO RIYADH REITERATED TO KING FAISAL JAPANESE REFUSAL TO JOIN CONSUMER ORGANIZATION OF ANY KIND AND PUSHED IDEA OF CONSUMER/ PRODUCER COOPERATION. VISIT WAS PRIMARILY ATMOSPHERIC BUT NAKASONE DISCUSSED BOTH POSSIBLE CONCESSIONS AND TRADING PARTICIPATION CURDE FOR JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF KINGDOM. END SUMMARY.

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DEPUTY MINISTER PRINCE SA' UD AND DEPUTY GOVERNOR PETRO-MIN, PRINCE SAAD, JAPANESE MITI MINISTER YASUHIRO NAKASONE, ACCOMPANIED BY SAME DELEGATION OF GOJ OFFICIALS WHO EARLIER VISITED TEHRAN AND KUWAIT DISCUSSED THE FULL RANGE OF JAPANESE INTERESTS IN THE KINGDOM, INCLUDING POSSIBLE JAPANESE INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPING ALUMINUM, STEEL AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES IN EXCHANGE FOR PARTICIPATION CRUDE. SAUDI RESPONSE WAS LARGELY NON-COMMITTAL THOUGH INTERESTED, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBASSY SOURCES. NONE OF MINPET OFFICIALS RAISED WITH NAKASONE PROBLEM OF CONSUMER ORGANIZATION CONFRONTING PRODUCER COUNTRIES. NAKASONE ALSO RAISED JAPANESE INTEREST IN SIGNING OF SAUDI-JAPAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT TABLED EARLIER AND TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON CONCESSION FOR AREA NUMBER TWO IN WHICH MITSUBISHI-SUNOIL-CITY SERVICE ARE BIDDING AGAINST OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM. HE RECEIVED NO REAL SAUDI RESPONSE ON EITHER OF THESE INITIATIVES.

2. TOWARDS END OF PROTOCOL VISIT ON KING FAISAL, NAKASONE RAISED WITH KING JAPANESE DISINTEREST IN ANY CONSUMER ORGANIZATION AND SAID JAPAN WOULD NEVER JOIN ANYTHING BUT A CONSUMER/PRODUCER COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATION. KING RESPONDED FAVORABLY BUT WITH NO SUBSTANCE TO PRESENTATION BY MITI MINISTER. IN DESCRIBING CONVERSATION, JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER SAID THAT NAKASONE HAD NO FIRM IDEAS ON WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE PRODUCER/CONSUMER COUNTRY ORGANIZATION SATISFACTORY TO TOKYO BUT POINTED OUT COMPLETE DEPENDENCE OF JAPAN ON OIL IMPORTS AND TRADITIONAL RELUCTANCE ENGAGE IN ANY MULTINATIONAL COMMODITY GROUPINGS. NO MENTION MADE BY NAKASONE OF LEVY OR OTHER PROPOSALS DURING VISIT.

COMMENT: JAPANESE APPEARED TO BE MAINTAINING NECESSARY HIGH LEVEL CONTACT WITH KEY PETROLEUM COUNTRY AND RESERVING THEIR OPTIONS BY DISASSOCIATING THEMSELVES FROM WHOLE CONCEPT OF CONSUMER GROUPING.

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